

United States Court of Appeals  
for the Fifth Circuit

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No. 20-50529

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Fifth Circuit

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December 2, 2021

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Lyle W. Cayce  
Clerk

*Plaintiff—Appellee,*

*versus*

DEQWON SAQUOD LEWIS,

*Defendant—Appellant.*

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Application for Certificate of Appealability from the  
United States District Court for the Western District of Texas  
USDC No. 1:19-CV-373

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ORDER:

Deqwon Saquod Lewis moves for a certificate of appealability (“COA”) to appeal the dismissal of his 28 U.S.C. § 2255 petition. Lewis asserts that the district court improperly found that he failed to raise his constitutional claims.

To obtain a COA, a movant must make “a substantial showing of the denial of a constitutional right.” 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c)(2); *see Slack v. McDaniel*, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000). Where, as here, the district court has denied a request for habeas relief on procedural grounds, the movant must show that jurists of reason could find it debatable both whether “the petition

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states a valid claim of the denial of a constitutional right” and whether “the district court was correct in its procedural ruling.” *Slack*, 529 U.S. at 484. Lewis has not met this standard.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that the motion for a COA is DENIED.

/s/ Catharina Haynes  
CATHARINA HAYNES  
*United States Circuit Judge*